

**Community Preservation Committee  
Town of Belmont**

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**CPA Funding - Preliminary Application**

Ten copies of the completed Preliminary Application must be submitted to the following address by no later than 7:00PM on Monday, October 10, 2022:

Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Matthew Haskell, CPA Administrator  
Office of the Select Board  
Belmont Town Hall  
455 Concord Avenue  
Belmont, MA 02478

*Unless an applicant can demonstrate that a significant opportunity would otherwise be lost, preliminary applications will not be accepted after the submission deadline.*

**Project Title** Grove Street Baseball and Basketball Reconstruction Construction

**Project Location** Grove Street Park

**Applicant/Contact Person** Brandon Fitts, CTRS, CPRP, Director of Recreation

**Organization** Town of Belmont (Partners - Friends of Grove St. Park & Belmont Youth BB & Softball)

**Mailing Address** 19 Moore St. Belmont, MA 02478

**Telephone** 617.993.2760 **E-mail** bfitts@belmont-ma.gov

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** 9/26/2022

CPA Category (refer to chart on the following page and check all that apply):

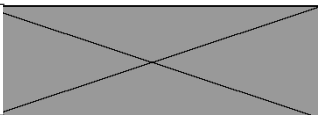

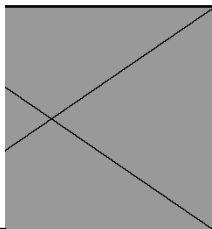
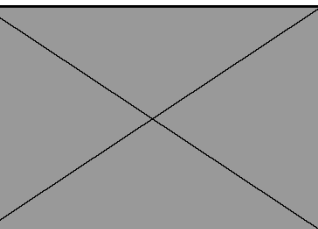
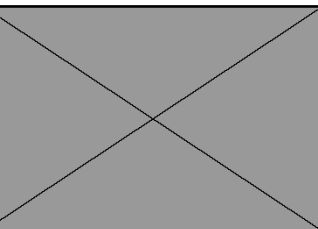
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**Amount Requested** \$1,389,666.06

**Total Project Cost** \$1,429,666.06

Applicants will present their projects at the **CPC Public Meeting on November 9, 2022** and address questions from Belmont residents. It is required that information about the project be in writing and copied for distribution and review at the Public Meeting. This is also an opportunity for project sponsors to ask the CPC any questions regarding the application process.

**Chart 1**  
**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ALLOWABLE SPENDING PURPOSES (G.L. c. 44B, § 5)**

	OPEN SPACE	HISTORIC RESOURCES	RECREATIONAL LAND	COMMUNITY HOUSING
<b>DEFINITIONS</b> (G.L. c. 44B, § 2)	Land to protect existing and future well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, watershed land, agricultural land, grasslands, fields, forest land, fresh and salt water marshes and other <b>wetlands, ocean, river, stream,</b> lake and pond frontage, beaches, dunes and other coastal lands, lands to protect scenic vistas, land for wildlife or natnre preserve and land for recreational use	Building, str uctnr e, vessel, real property, document or artifact listed on the state register of historic places or determined by the local historic preservation commission to be significantin the history, archeology, architecture or culture of the city or town	Land for active or passive recreational use including, but not limited to, the use of land for community gardens , tr ails, and noncommercial youth and adult sports, and the useof land as a park, playground or athletic field  Does <u>not</u> include horse or dog racing or the use of land for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structnre.	Housing for low and moderate income individuals and families, Including low or moderate Income seniors  Moderate income is less than 100%, and low income is less than 80%, of USHUD Area Wide Median Income
<b>ACQUISITION</b> Obtain property interest by gift, purchase, devise, grant, rental, rental purchase, lease or otherwise. Only includes eminent domain taking as provided by G.L. c. 44B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>CREATION</b> To bring into being or cause to exist. <i>Seideman v. City of Newlon</i> , 452 Mass. 472 (2008)	Yes		Yes	Yes
<b>PRESERVATION</b> Protect personal or real property from injury, harm or destruction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>SUPPORT</b> Provide grants, loans, rental assistance, security deposits, interest-rate write downs or other forms of assistance directly to individuals and famiies who are eligible for community housing, or to entity that owns, operates or manages such housing, for the purpose of making housing affordable				 Yes, includes fnnding for community's affordable housing trnst
<b>REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION</b> Make capital improvements, or extraordinary repairs to make assets functional for intended use, including improvements to comply with federal, state or local building or access codes or federal standards for rehabilitation of historic properties	Yes if acquired or created with CP funds	Yes	Yes	Yes if acquired or created with CP funds

Source: Department of Revenue (DOR) 10-5-2012 conference, "Recent Developmenst in Municipal Law," Workshop B - Local Finances

### **Brief Description of Project**

Include the address/location and current owner of the property, as well as any critical dates. Please attach supplemental information (photographs, drawings, documents, etc.) as desired

The baseball fields require reconstruction every 20 - 25 years. As infield material is added, it slowly builds up the grade for the infield and overtime causes a safety issue between the infield and outfield. The reconstruction will allow for proper grading which should address the safety concerns as well hit groundballs move from the infield to outfield. Draining will also be addressed allowing the field to be played on faster following significant rain events. The uneven grades also create potential for leg injuries as players chase after baseballs. The basketball court has cracks growing throughout the court. The public works department has repaired and patched these cracks overtime, but the current condition is beyond repair. The court needs to be reconstructed. The growing popularity of youth and adult sports in town makes Grove St a critical piece of infrastructure within the town. Reconstructing these assets will enable the community to stay active in a safe and healthy manner.

### **Brief Description of Benefit**

How does the project fulfill the General and Specific Criteria of the Community Preservation Committee Guidelines?

This project will address issues with the court and fields that are used by hundreds of residents weekly. This project will address the CPC goal of preserving the Town's precious assets. This project would address issues identified in previous work at the Grove Street Park. This project was discussed at the August 10, 2021 Recreation Commission meeting and it was suggested by commission members that a CPC request be applied for seeking design and engineering work for FY23 funding, followed by Construction dollars in FY24. The Belmont Youth Baseball/Softball Board will be a partner in this program and there have been initial conversations with representatives of the Friends of Grove Street Park that advocated for the basketball court to be addressed as well as the baseball fields.

